
MATERIALS SAMPLE COURIER SERVICE

GENERAL

Courier service is established for transportation of materials samples from the District Offices to the Central Laboratory in Ames on a regularly scheduled basis. Sample delivery is intended to be performed in a timely manner so testing can be performed and results expediently reported in an effort to prevent testing related construction delays.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility for the courier position shall rest with the Materials Testing Engineer in the Office of Materials, and the day-to-day activities shall be directed by the Materials Technician 4 in charge of the Equipment and Receiving Section.

The following courier services will be provided to the Districts every year throughout the construction season:

1. Pick up of materials samples from the District Offices and delivery to the Central Laboratory.
2. Mail delivery and pick up. If there are no materials samples that need to be picked up at the District the courier will not make the trip on that particular day and mail pick up and delivery should not be expected. Courier service for the exclusive function of mail delivery will not be provided.
3. Transporting of testing equipment to and from the field equipment section in Ames. This includes such items as nuclear gauges, beam breakers, balances, air meters, etc. This will also include material samples sent from Ames to the Districts, specifically, correlation samples.
4. Occasionally, delivery of office supplies and warehouse items to the Districts. This should include only items of immediate need by the Districts. All other office and warehouse supplies, particularly larger items such as office furniture, file cabinets, tires, etc., can be delivered on a weekly basis by the warehouse supply truck.

The destinations noted above will be the only stops made by the courier unless changes have been pre-arranged with the Materials Laboratory Equipment and Receiving Section. Further delivery of equipment or supplies to other offices or residencies in the District will be the responsibility of District personnel.

Materials and mail to be picked up by the courier should be assembled at the regularly designated location on the day of service. The courier will check in with a contact person, as designated by the District Materials Engineer, prior to returning to Ames.

District personnel will be responsible for notifying the courier when there are no samples to be picked up and a trip is unnecessary, or if there is a change needed in the destination point and/or schedule.

SCHEDULE

Service will be provided annually from mid-April through mid-October to coincide with the construction season. The weekly schedule to be maintained by the courier is as follows:

Monday: District 2 - Mason City and Waterloo Laboratories, in that order. A stop will be made in Clarion upon advance request from the District.

Tuesday: District 6 - Cedar Rapids Laboratory and the Marshalltown Construction Residency.

Wednesday: District 3 - Mail drop-off at the District Office and sample pick-up at the Sioux City Laboratory.

Thursday: District 5 - Fairfield Laboratory.

Friday: District 4 - Atlantic Laboratory and Des Moines Laboratory in District 1.